Metalling of Road between Raichur and Budidipadu.

*Q.__774. Smt. NAGAMMA (Kalmala). __

ill the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

whether they are aware of the necessity of metalling the road between Raichur and Budidipadu Village and construction of a culvert on the said road?

4.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—Yes.

Fitment of Tacographs

*Q.—778. Sri SANJEEVANATH AiKALA (Suratkal).—

Will the Minister for Transport and Tourism be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government have issued Circulars to all the Transport operators in the State insisting on fitment of Tacographs in all the buses and lorries;
 - (b) what is the object of fitment of Tacographs;
- (c) the recurring expenditure per year in the fitment of Tacographs and the non-recurring expenditure per Tacograph;
- (d) whether the transport operators have objected to the fitment of Tacographs and if so, on what grounds?

A.—Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Minister for Transport and Tourism).—

- (a) Rule 197-A of the Mysore Motor Vehicles Rules, 1963 as amended by the Mysore Motor Vehicles (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 1965 requires that every transport vehicle other than a motor cab, tractor and trailer shall be fitted with a Tacograph;
- (b) The Tacograph is, in addition to being a speedometer, capable of recording the speed of the vehicle on the graph and therefore fitment of Tacograph is made compulsory with a view to checking over speeding of transport vehicles.
- (c) The recurring expenditure is Rs. 216 per year, whereas the non-recurring expenditure is Rs. 900 per Tacograph.

(d) Yes; Transport operators have represented for deletion of this provision from the rules on the ground that they are not freely available in the market and even if available, they are costly involving considerable additional expenditure.

Checkpost opened by Commercial Tax Department in South Kanara

*Q.—779 Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA (Surathkal).—

Will the Minister for Finance be pleased to state:—

- (a) the number of check posts' that have been opened around the city of Mangalore and elsewhere in the South Kanara District by the Commercial Tax Department;
- (b) what are the functions and duties of these check post officers and what is the necessity to have these check posts;
- (c) what is the staff pattern for these check posts and what is the salary and establishment expenditure involved for each check post?

A.—Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Finance).—

- (a) Three.
- (b) (1) To stop goods vehicles, examine the contents of the vehicle and inspect all records relating to the goods carried in it.
- (2) to verify whether the owner or person in charge of the goods vehicle carries with him a goods vehicle record, a trip sheet or a log book as the case may be and a copy of the sale bill or delivery note in respect of the goods carried.
- (3) to obtain copies of the bill of sale or delivery note. In the case of the goods vehicle entering the State limit or having the State limits-to obtain a declaration in Form-34.
- (4) to take steps to book the offences of contravention of Section 28A read with Rule 23-B to 23-F.

Necessity to have the ckeck posts:

To prevent evasion of tax payable under the Mysore Sales Tax Act, 1957.